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The Honorable J. Maxwell Cleland
Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Cleland:

This will confirm the recent conversation between Mr. Frank Bumgardner, Director, Medical Administration Service, Veterans Administration, and Douglas Van Treeck, Office of East Coast Affairs, Department of State, concerning a request by the Government of Argentina for assistance.

The Government of Argentina has asked for the cooperation of the Government of the United States in obtaining special-medical treatment at Veterans Administration facilities for an Argentina citizen who is suffering from terrorist-inflicted injuries. This individual, Professor Raul L. Cardon, fifty-five years of age, suffered the loss of one leg. He has recovered from multiple wounds but must start his prothesis and rehabilitation treatment. A more complete description of his injuries is enclosed.

The American Embassy in Buenos Aires has informed the U.S. Department of State that the Government of Argentina will pay all costs associated with this case.

I believe that making treatment facilities available to this wounded Argentine citizen would be consistent with and in furtherance of the purposes of Part I and within the limitations of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. Both the Department of State and the Agency for International Development, therefore, strongly support the request of the Government of Argentina.

I realize, of course, that the Veterans Administration must be responsive to its own priorities and understand that the fulfillment of the request of the Government of Argentina will be met in a manner consistent with other Veterans Administration obligations. I would be most

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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grateful if you would undertake to determine the availability of facilities for rendering appropriate treatment and rehabilitation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Coy

Edward W. Coy
Acting Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Latin America